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Examiner: Dildine Jr., R. Stephen

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONIZATION IN THE PRESENCE OF  
THERMAL ASPERITY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Dear Examiner Dildine:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2003, in the above-referenced application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
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Enclosure